

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/82882960727>

Coral Gables Country Club

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board

CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 12 Chair Albert Sanchez, Vice Chair Sherry Celesia, Board members Isis Arenas, Frank Andollo, Don Slesnick III, Peter Izaguirre, Dept. Director Fred Couceyro, Assistant Director Sarah Espino, Division Director Lorena Sliva, Venue Manager Valerie Pinon, Athletic Club Manager Daren Gilman, Administrative Analyst Ann Caroline Del Valle
Excused: 1 - Board member Yamilet Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR SHERRY CELESIAS AND SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER FRANK ANDOLLO. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. General Country Club Division Updates

- **Upcoming Events or Programs** - It was mentioned the next Member Mixer will be held Thursday, February 26, 2026. Chair Sanchez along with other members asked if there would be dancing since the last mixer was a hit.

Athletic Club

- **Gym Membership Count** - Athletic Club Manager mentioned to the board that the membership count as of today is at 1,754.
- **Maintenance** - Manager Gilman mentioned potential new classes being looked at as well as a vendor that has been secured for the frosting of the glass. It was discussed whether 4 or 5 feet would do for the frosting of the glass and all members agreed to go with Manager Gilman to measure it out and see which height would work best after the board meeting. Manager Gilman also advised of a female personal trainer potentially starting soon. He also mentioned Parents Night Out being a great added program which sold out for the upcoming date this week. Manager Daren Gilman also mentioned three new staff members starting within the next week including the return of GSR Manny Castillo this upcoming Sunday. The board members were pleased to hear the news.

Venue

- **Monthly Report** - Venue Manager Valerie Pinon updated the board on previous events as well as upcoming events including the count of upcoming wedding events and answered questions from the board. Chair Sanchez asked what was the feedback on the 3% credit card charge for event bookings. Venue Manager Valerie Pinon mentioned that usually clients get points on their credit cards when they do decide to pay with it and have not received negative feedback over the added charge. It was mentioned that there is an upcoming two-day Planner's event for highly influential Planners to come to the club and discussion ensued over what the event entails. Discussion also ensued about having a potential planner in house. Director Sliva mentioned that Valerie Pinon and herself are certified but that is not something they tend to announce to potential clients since they want to ensure planners continue to secure their clientele and bring those to the Club.
- **Testimonials** - These were included within the monthly report given to the board members.

- **FY2025 Q4 Presentation**

Division Director Sliva presented the FY2025 Q4 presentation and answered all questions from the board members. Discussion ensued in regards to revenue vs. expenditures from last fiscal year to this fiscal year. It was mentioned that the 4th quarter was a slower season for Venue and expenditures continued to go higher. Director Sliva also mentioned that the revenue comparison was higher this year to last year overall and the surplus does go all to capital.

NEW BUSINESS

Admin. Analyst Ann Caroline Del Valle mentioned the FY2026 Q1 Presentation being an item in the February Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board member Andollo asked about the possibility of a Physical Therapist and if Director Sliva had looked into it. Director Sliva mentioned she would in the future as this would have to be researched extensively to ensure there are no liability/ Procurement issues with this service. It was also mentioned that the space within the gym is already quite tight as is but she would look into the matter nonetheless.
- Board member Frank Andollo mentioned the possibility of an assisted pull up/dip bar equipment and Manager Gilman mentioned he was in talks with a trainer about that and will continue to look into the item. He also mentioned the open office space potentially being used for screening as trainers have shown interest in providing this service. He has also spoken to trainers about the gym's layout and seeing if changes can be made to better train members - especially during peak gym times.

ITEMS FOR THE SECRETARY

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ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:08 P.M. WAS MADE BY FRANK ANDOLLO AND WAS SECONDED BY DON SLESNICK III. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.